

## TRIBUTE TO BRENNIA AILEO

**HON. CHRISTOPHER P. CARNEY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. CARNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brenna Aileo, a U.S. recipient of the International Committee of the Red Crosses, ICRC, 41st Annual Florence Nightingale Medal. Every 2 years, this medal is awarded to qualified nurses who have shown exceptional courage and devotion to the wounded, sick, or disabled or to civilian victims of a conflict or disaster; and to those who have shown a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education.

Mrs. Aileo earned a BSN degree from Eastern Washington State University and an MA in Health Services Management from Webster University in St. Louis. She served as a nurse in the U.S. Army for 21 years, including 2 years of enlistment and 19 years as a commissioned officer in the Army Nurse Corps where she achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel. Her posts included the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC and the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. In Saudi Arabia she treated wounded U.S. soldiers, including many from a Pennsylvania-based unit who were injured in a mortar attack.

In response to the attacks on September 11, Mrs. Aileo began volunteering with the American Red Cross. She worked with disaster relief at Ground Zero and at other disaster locations throughout the United States and Guam. During a flood in my district in 2006, Mrs. Aileo heroically managed a shelter at Blue Ridge High School in New Milford, PA.

Since 2001, she has worked at the local, regional, and national levels. As the first appointed service area staff health volunteer consultant in Susquehanna County, Mrs. Aileo distinguished herself by developing and presenting key disaster training programs. In 2004, Mrs. Aileo worked as a health consultant for the Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services, where she reviewed and cleared staff for overseas deployment. No staff member who Mrs. Aileo cleared has returned from a deployment due to medical reasons.

Mrs. Aileo's professional experience includes working as a community health nurse administrator for the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Northeast District and as a nursing supervisor for the Northeast Veterans Center in Scranton. She also worked as a charge nurse in the Montrose General Hospital ICU and as an instructor at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

As an active member of our community, Mrs. Aileo sits on the Board of Directors of the Garden Club Federation, Susquehanna County Library, and her church. Her interests include gardening, wine making, and travel. Her son, Jason, continuing Mrs. Aileo's tremendous dedication to public service, served in Iraq from 2003 to 2004.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Brenna Aileo for her continued service to our country.

## HONORING EULESS TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE 5A DIVISION I FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the 2007 Euless Trinity High School football team upon winning the 5A Division I State Championship on Saturday, December 22, 2007.

The Trinity Trojans' 13-10 win over Converse Judson Rockets in the San Antonio Alamodome gave the program its second State title in 3 years. It is believed that defenses win championships and this game was no exception as the Trojans held the Rockets scoreless during the second half. Despite the fact that all of the scoring took place in the first and second quarters, the second half was just as thrilling as the defense stopped the Converse Judson's offensive attack while the Trojans' tireless running offense wore down the Rockets and controlled the clock. Under Coach Steve Lineweaver's tenure, Euless Trinity has amassed an 88-16 record and has won 14 of its last 16 playoff games.

I am extremely proud to represent Euless Trinity High School in Congress and I congratulate the players, coaches, fans and parents who made the 2007 season a memorable and victorious one.

## TRIBUTE TO TERRY YATES

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, on December 12, 2007, Terry Yates, Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University of New Mexico passed away. He was a remarkable scientist and professor, and UNM has suffered a great loss with his passing. He lived a life full of enthusiasm for science. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy, their sons and his entire family.

Terry Yates came to the University of New Mexico in 1978 as an assistant professor of biology, and went on to become a professor of biology and pathology. He helped create the Long Term Ecological Research site outside Socorro, New Mexico, and he was the curator of Genomic Resources for the Museum of Southwestern Biology on the UNM campus.

Terry Yates was appointed Vice Provost for Research in 2004, and served as Vice President for Research and Economic Development from 2004 until his death. During this time as Vice Provost and Vice President, Terry increased the total amount of research awards from \$247 million to nearly \$300 million.

UNM's President, David Schmidly, taught Terry as a graduate student at Texas Tech University in the mid-1970s. "It was his exuberance you remember most about Terry. He was always ready to examine a new idea or take a trip to the field to explore a theory. I think he was happier out in the field than he was behind a desk," said Schmidly.

Terry was best known for his groundbreaking research on the source of Hantavirus, a serious respiratory disease that is frequently fatal. He began his work in 1993, when many people in the Southwest began dying from an unknown viral disease. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Terry examined specimens that he had collected over several years, that were residing in the museum of Southwest Biology. Through his study, he was able to pinpoint a species of deer mice as the carrier of the Sin Nombre virus. The National Science Foundation named this research done by Terry and partner Robert Parmeter as one of its "Nifty 50" discoveries—projects funded that have had the biggest impact on American lives.

Most recently, Terry published a paper on the relationship between weather and deer mice populations. He and his co-authors were able to predict increased health risks posed by deer mice to humans in specific parts of the Four Corners area. This research also provided the New Mexico Department of Public Health with the necessary scientific evidence required to give advanced warning to people living in specific parts of the state that they face increased risk of exposure to Hantavirus.

He has published a total of 126 research papers.

Terry was an honorary member of the Board of Life Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as an honorary member of the Society of Mammalogists. This is the highest honor that the Society bestows upon an individual.

While his professional enthusiasm was for research and pushing back the frontiers of knowledge, Terry loved people and had friends from all walks of life. Every year, on Kentucky Derby Day, Terry had a party at his house complete with mint juleps. But he insisted on never sending out invitations. Everyone was welcome and no one was excluded.

Terry Yates was a great mind and a vibrant leader. He fought for life to the very end with humor and grace. Of his final illness, he told people, "I expect to get some patents out of this!"

He challenged us and inspired us and will deeply be missed.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF DAVID JOHN FESMIRE

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my deep sympathies to the family of David Fesmire, including his loving wife, Karen, his three wonderful daughters, Kindra, Katti and Mikki, and his 4 grandchildren.

David Fesmire's passing is a great loss for all of us. He was a true hero who dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. He honorably served his country in Vietnam, his state with the California National Guard, and his community as a paramedic and firefighter.

David served in the Army from 1970 to 1973, with two tours in Vietnam. He was highly decorated for his service, receiving 2